

“No time for your health today, no health for your time tomorrow” Thibaut

BFAP Baseline 2021

Attending the annual launch of the BFAP Baseline is like going for an annual medical check-up. It is a good thing to do, even if the news could be bad. The Baseline launch took place on Wednesday this week, and provided a perspective on where the SA agricultural sector is right now and where it could possibly be by 2030. Some key take-outs from this year's event include:

- Against the backdrop of COVID 19 pandemic and its devastating impact on the economy, agriculture has been a shining light. Whether this remains true going forward depends more on the ability to create an enabling trading environment than anything else.
- Horticulture, and citrus specifically, features prominently in the future scenarios showing strong growth. Being export orientated this sector attracts much need foreign currency, creates meaningful permanent jobs, and is often the key employer in rural towns (i.e. value is taken right down to grass roots). This ticks many of the boxes set out as goal in the National Development Plan. Future rapid growth will lead to product price pressure, and business will need to remain internationally competitive. Market Access and effective port and road infrastructure are critical enablers for the sectors.
- For domestic market-orientated sectors, the informal agricultural sector has great potential to grow and add meaningful additional value to the economy. There is great potential for efficiency and productivity gains here too, but to unlock this potential some structural changes in the way government and business approach the sector are required. In particular – land tenure as a source of collateral is needed to help keen farmers grow their business from within. Getting reliable data about the scale of operations, locations, value chains etc. is very challenging in this space – something Stats SA is looking to address.
- Inclusive growth is important for all.
- There is great promise for the agricultural sector, and meaningful inclusive growth is possible through appropriate interventions.

Upcoming Events

The **Citrus Sustainability Forum (CSF)** is scheduled for 6th October 2021 from 09h00 -11h00 – and will be held virtually. Please email ph@cga.co.za if you are interested in attending. The date for the **Citrus Marketing Forum (CMF)** meeting has also been set for 12th October 2021 – details to follow. The arrangements for the **Annual Citrus Coordination meeting** are being finalized and these will be communicated in due course.

COVID 19 Vaccination Stats

Since the roll out of the COVID 19 vaccine programme can change the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, for the next few weeks the vaccine numbers will be shared here: Administered in last 24 hours = **220 450**; total administered = **15 683 797**; Individual vaccinated = **11 206 735** (= **28%** of adult population). Source:

<https://sacoronavirus.co.za/latest-vaccine-statistics/>

PACKED AND SHIPPED

End of Week 36 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed 2019	Packed 2020	Packed 2021	Shipped 2020	Shipped 2021	Original Estimate 2021	Latest Prediction 2021	Final Packed 2020
SOURCE: PPECB/AGRIHUB								
Grapefruit (17kg)			15.3 m		14.1 m			
Grapefruit	16.7 m	14.9 m	17.4 m	13.7 m	16.0 m	18.0 m	17.6 m	15.5 m
Soft Citrus	17.8 m	22.7 m	29.3 m	21.5 m	26.4 m	30.5 m	30.3 m	23.6 m
Lemons	21.3 m	27.3 m	30.0 m	25.5 m	28.0 m	30.2 m	30.4 m	29.6 m
Navels	23.7 m	25.7 m	26.6 m	24.1 m	24.3 m	26.3 m	27.0 m	26.2 m
Valencia	36.7 m	40.9 m	44.7 m	33.4 m	30.3 m	58.0 m	55.0 m	55.1 m
Total	116.2m	131.5m	148.0m	118.2 m	125.0 m	163.0 m	160.3 m	150 m